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Brief Comments: Commissioners, I believe the Internet should be regulated so that competition can happen. That can't happen with the current proposal to get rid of Net Neutrality rules. I urge the commission to keep those rules in place that treat broadband access as a monopoly, or a duopoly service, so that business innovation can continue. The Internet, and open access to it, has been a key driver of business growth and innovation the last 20 years. Imagine if, under the current proposal, trying to launch a Netflix or a Hulu in the future. It would not be possible to do so if content providers have to rely on unregulated broadband providers to deliver what the broadband providers might consider competitive services. There isn't enough incentive in the world for firms to "self-regulate" themselves. Especially broadband providers, which don't have a stellar track record of customer service. We've seen this before - Comcast was caught blocking or throttling access to BitTorrent; AT&T attempting to restrict user's access to FaceTime; Comcast forcing Netflix to pay extra to avoid throttling services to name a few.

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